tian ministers, as also teachers of other religions, for the religious ministration of their votaries.

The Cocoanut Station at Vyttila.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

17. Will the Government be pleased to furnish the Council with answers to these queries?

(a) What is the area of the cocoanut station at Vyttila (Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk)?

(b) What did the acquisition of this site cost the Government?

(c) When was the site occupied by the Government?

(d) How much money has been spent on the station till now?

(e) What is the object of the Government in spending so much money there?

(f) If the object of the Government is to make a model Farm of it, will not a smaller area, say, four or five acres do for the purpose?

(g) How many fruit-bearing cocoanut trees were there in the area at the time of the purchase?

(h) How many fruit-bearing trees are there now?

(i) How many new trees have been planted till now?

(j) Where were these new trees got from and what special qualities have they?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON (*Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats*).

(a) The area of the Station is about 25 acres.

(b) The total cost of acquisition was Rs. 83,797—10—3.

(c) The site was taken possession of by Government on the 28th of Makaram 1096.

(d) Excluding land acquisition charges, the total amount spent up to the 20th of Edavam 1100 is Rs. 26,319—3—3.

(e) The object of the cocoanut station is to solve the several problems connected with the Cocoanut Industry of the State.

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(f) The object of the Farm is not only to run it as a model Farm but also to investigate into a number of problems connected with the cocoanut palm, and for this purpose four or five acres will not be sufficient.

(g) 650 of the trees were bearing nuts.

(h) 500 of the trees are bearing.

(i) 630 plants.

(j) The seedlings planted are from seed nuts obtained from F. M. S. and from various gardens in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk. Their special quality is that they are from trees which are specially set apart for seed purposes.

Public Gardens under Sirkar management.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

18. Will the Government be pleased to state the situation and description of all the public gardens under the management of the Agricultural Department and also under other management ?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON (*Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats*).

The Public Gardens under the management ot the Agricultural Department are.—

1. Hill Palace Garden, Hill Palace, Trippunittura.
2. Krishna Vilas Palace Garden, Ernakulam.
3. Guest House Garden, do.
4. Residential Palace Garden, do.
5. Pudiya Kovilakam Gardens (Residency), Trichur.
6. Guest House Garden, Trichur.
7. The Zoological Gardens, do.
8. Tullocks Gardens, Madras.
9. Elk Hill Palace Gardens, Coonoor.
10. Spring-Field Palace Gardens, do.

Of these, 9 and 10 are under the immediate supervision of Mr. Butcher, Curator, Botanical Gardens, Ootacamund.

Out of the 10 gardens referred to, Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 are gardens attached either to palaces or outlying palaces where His Highness the Maharaja

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